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## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of this Amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested. This Amendment cancels claim 12 and amends claims 9, 13, and 19. Claims 9-11, 13, and 19 are therefore now pending in this application.

In the Advisory Action dated April 19, 2006, the Examiner states the art rejection is Smith in view of Long not Long in view of Smith. However, regardless of whether the prior art rejection is Smith in view of Long or Long in view of Smith, they cannot be combined to provide the teachings of the present invention. Long teaches using both an upper guide and a lower guide stem. Smith teaches using no guide stem. The present invention teaches using a counterweight having a beveled section, an arcuate section below the beveled section and a cleaning rod to limit horizontal movement of the sphere. A combination of Smith in view of Long would not teach such a structure.

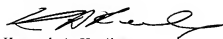
Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of claims 9-11, 13, and 19 now pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application and its allowance are therefore requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 11-0307.

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